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LB 833

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption of the committee amendments to 833. All those in favor vote aye, opposed no. We are voting on the committee amendments to LB 833. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of the committee amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. The committee amendments are adopted. Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, the committee amendments become the bill. These amendments would allow the Nebraska Potato Development Committee to set the excise tax on potatoes at a price up to two cents per hundredweight. Currently the price is one cent per hundredweight and this amendment would allow that committee to adjust that price within a range up to two cents per hundredweight. The committee amendment also allows smaller potato shippers to file annual reports rather than quarterly reports. This was requested by the Nebraska Potato Development Committee. They pay the tax entirely themselves and I move for the adoption of the committee amendments and the advancement of LB 833 to E & R initial.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: Just a couple of questions of my good friend, Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Yes, sir.

SENATOR KEYES: Senator Nichol, this committee, how was this committee set up?

SENATOR NICHOL: I don't know, sir. I assume it was set up by the Department of Agriculture but I am assuming this.

SENATOR KEYES: They are not elected?

SENATOR NICHOL: No.

SENATOR KEYES: That is right and now we are taking and the tax or whatever you want to call it and it is a tax, on the potatoes, if potatoes sell for a dollar a hundred and you've got two cents, does that mean that the farmer gets ninety-eight cents or does it mean that the consumer pays a dollar and two cents for them?

SENATOR NICHOL: I don't know. One way or the other.